



Mayo GAA - Child Welfare and Protection



Mayo GAA is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who participate in our gaelic games and activities.

The appointment of a Children's Officer at both Club and County level is an essential element in the creation of a quality atmosphere and in establishing a child and youth centered ethos at both Club and County level.

The key role of the Club / County Children's Officer is to ensure the implementation and promotion of the relevant Child Welfare and Protection Codes and Guidelines for good practice in their Club / County, so as to ensure that young people can participate, enjoy and benefit from our Gaelic Games, in safe and enjoyable surroundings.

We in Mayo GAA are committed to taking all practicable steps to ensure our young people are protected by:-

- **Recognising that all children have the right to be protected from harm.**
- **Ensuring that all of our coaches and volunteers are carefully recruited and selected and that they accept responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of children in their care.**
- **Responding swiftly and appropriately to protect the welfare of children who participate in our games and related activities.**
- **Providing parents / guardians and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns that they may have.**
- **Appointing Children's Officers in our Clubs and at County Board level who will liaise with the statutory authorities as appropriate.**
- **Ensuring that members, coaches, team mentors, administrators and parents / guardians as appropriate have received training in this area.**